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CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE SET FOR OCTOBER

WASHINGTON -- This fall a pilgrimage -- modeled on ancient European tradition -- will take place in Washington involving college students and chaplains from campuses up and down the east coast.

Students will travel to Washington on Thursday, Oct. 2, gathering in churches of various denominations around the city to spend the night with members of those congregations.

On Friday morning they will reassemble at the churches and begin their pilgrimage walk in groups through the city to the Washington Cathedral (Episcopal), stopping at hospitals, monuments or sites of poverty and distress along the way to pray. Students from the Washington area will join the out-of-town groups.

After evening worship at the cathedral Friday, they will spend the night on the cathedral close. On Saturday, the final day, they will have a morning of workshops, prayer, silence, singing and worship.

Brother Roger of the Taizé Community in France will be one of the speakers. Taizé is renowned as a center for young people and for its ecumenical involvement. Other speakers include Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners magazine and Bishop John T. Walker of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Canon Michael Hamilton of the cathedral staff is organizing the pilgrimage. The theme of the meeting is "Suffering and Hope." Hamilton states that many denominations are cooperating both in the pre-pilgrimage educational program in the Washington congregations and in recruiting students on the campuses.

According to Hamilton, "A pilgrimage is an ancient Christian tradition in which people travel to places of worship, bringing with them their worldly and religious concerns. It is both an outward and an inward journey. With the help of the parishes we hope to provide an experience for students which will integrate the world, worship and the church and which will enable them to live on as deep a spiritual plane as possible throughout the three days."

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